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Dear Sirs,

I am stockholder in Apple Computers. I am also an instructor of computer sciences at the college level in Tulsa, Oklahoma. As you might expect the outcome of this trial is for most on my mind. I have been reviewing all related materials I can regarding this case since it's inception, and I am a firm believer that our computer experiences would be much better off if Microsoft where a better corporate and consumer partner.

I have read the proposed settlement between MS, the DOJ, and nine states, and agree with many analysts who have said this settlement would do little to inhibit MS from continuing there previous behaviors.

I feel that in order to allow free competition in the operating system market, Microsoft should not be allowed to bundle new software with there OS. To do so allows the company an unfair marketing advantage over competitors. Further, staple applications such as Microsoft Office should be available for all competing OS's with significant market share to warrant a profitable product. That would include the continuation of MS Office for Macintosh and the developing of MS Office for Linux.

Lastly, MS should set specific prices for there products based upon volume and not based on the specific customer. In other words, if Compaq and Dell purchase an equal number of licenses then they should each pay the same price. This would prevent MS from bulling PC venders around based on the business practice of the particular vender.

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